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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO EMBARGO DEVELOPMENTS

1. DEVELOPMENTS THIS WEEK SURROUNDING THE ARMS EMBARGO QUESTION RECEIVED MODERATELY HEAVY PLAY IN SATURDAY (JULY 19) EDITIONS OF THE TURKISH PRESS. BUT THERE WAS NO FURTHER SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT ON TURKEY'S DECISION THURSDAY TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" FOR U.S. INSTALLATIONS.

2. IN A FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE STORY, HURRIYET REPORTED THAT
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PRESIDENT FORD HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KORUTURK DURING THE

DELIBERATIONS WEDNESDAY OF THE TURKISH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. THE UNATTRIBUTED STORY SAID THAT IN HIS MESSAGE, PRESIDENT FORD HAD ASKED FOR "A CHANCE" UNTIL THE END OF JULY. THE STROY REPEATED EARLIER PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TALKED WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS IN ANKARA SEVERAL TIMES BY TELEPHONE DURING THE WEDNESDAY MEETING. HURRIYET ALSO REPORTED THAT DEP PRIMIN ERBAKAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, HAD URGED THAT THE PROVISIONAL STATUS BE IMPOSED IMMEDIATELY WHILE DEP PRIMIN TURKES, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY AND A FORMER MILITARY OFFICER, URGED A DELAY. DEP PRIMIN FEYZIOGLU, CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY, REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED TURKES. PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL REPORTEDLY ARGUED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL NOT TO PUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN A DIFFICULT POSITION ON THE EVE OF THE DECISION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

3. SATURDAY EDITIONS OF SEVERAL PAPERS, INCLUDING MILLIYET, BARIS AND GUNAYDIN, GAVE PROMINENT FRONT PAGE PLAY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING THURSDAY WITH CONGRESSMEN. ACCORDING TO MILLIYET'S CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON, SANI KOHEN, AMERICAN OFFICIALS CHARACTERIZED TURKEY'S DECISION TO DELAY IMPOSITION OF THE PROVISIONAL STATUS AS "SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE."

4. KOHEN'S STORY ALSO NOTED THAT REPORTS THAT TURKEY HAD JOINED OTHER MOSLEM COUNTRIES IN JIDDAH IN SEEKING THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA HAD CAUSED A STIR AMONG CONGRESSMEN ATTENDING THURSDAY'S MEETING. KOHEN SAID THAT STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT ANDERSON LATER HAD TOLD NEWSMEN THAT INFORMATION FROM ANKARA INDICATED THAT TURKEY HAD NOT TAKEN PART IN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL AND DID NOT FEEL BOUND BY AN DECISION REACHED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. NO OTHER MAJOR TURKISH DAILY CARRIED THE STORY JULY 19.

5. IN OTHER COVERAGE, BOTH MILLIYET AND CUMHURIYET REPORTED THAT THE U.S.-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS IN ANKARA ON A NEW BASIS FOR DEFENSE COOPERATION HAD BEEN POSTPONED FOR AT LEAST A WEEK. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, ATTRIBUTED ONLY TO "OFFICIALS" THE DELAY IN THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS BEGUN THURSDAY IS THE RESULT OF A NEED FOR THROUGH TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS. THE DECISION TO DELAY FURTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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DISCUSSIONS WAS ALSO "CLOSELY TIED" TO DECISIONS WHICH WILL BE MADE IN WASHINGTON. MILLIYET'S BANNER HEADLINE DECLARED: "FOR THE BILATERAL TALKS, CONGRESS'S DECISION IS AWAITED".

6. IN RELATED COVERAGE, GUNAYDIN GAVE TOP FRONT PAGE PLAY TO A PRIS-DATED LINED REPORT THAT THE FRENCH MONTHLY LE MONDE DIPLOMATIQUE ASSERTED THAT A GRADUAL REDUCTION OF U.S. ARMS

PROVISION TO TURKEY HAD BEEN AGREED UION BY FORD AND BREZHNEV AT
VLADIVOSTOK. IN ANOTHER FRONT PAGE STORY, MILLIYET REPORTED
THAT LIBYA IS PREPARED TO GIVE TURKEY UP TO 10 UNUSED F-5 FIGHTER
AIRCRAFT. THE OFFER WAS REPORTEDLY MADE DURING THE CURRENT
VISIT TO ANKARA OF LIBYAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER SALAH E
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